

Cycling Europe

2020 CROATIA BY BIKE & BOAT

KVARNER BAY & ISLANDS 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

195 km by HYBRID BIKE, ELECTRIC BIKE or MOUNTAIN BIKE



Countless islands in crystal clear water, spectacular cliffs, picturesque beaches and innumerable small bays – that is the Kvarner Bay in the Northern Adriatic Sea. Every island is different and each one has its own history. For one week, you explore, either independently or with a knowledgeable guide, the country and

the people of these unique islands. Experience the beauty of the Adriatic Sea on board a romantic motor-sailer, your floating hotel. After a hearty breakfast, you will set off to explore on your bike. Be it the medieval city of Rab, the car-free road in the sky on Dugi Otok or the flower island of Molat, each day brings new discoveries. Meet your ship in a different harbour for lunch. Then bike on to the next harbour where the ship awaits. Enjoy an excellent meal while watching the sunset then go for a stroll through an historic harbour town.

This tour will occasionally be operated as hybrid bike and mountain bike tours from the same boat cruise. Contact us for more details about the MTB itinerary. A separate guide attends the hybrid bike group while another one leads the mountain bike group.

ITINERARY: Day 1 (Sunday)

Arrive Omišalj, cruise to Cres Island

Tour departs from Omišalj. Check in from 2.00 – 2.30 pm. Boat departs around 3 pm to cruise to the island of Cres (4 hrs). On Cres we take an evening walk through the old "Venetian" town. Pre-tour hotel can be booked in Omišalj, a nice little harbour on the island of Krk.

Day 2: (Monday) Cres and Lošinj Islands

After breakfast start your tour from the city of Cres to Martinšćica. The boat awaits your arrival and lunch is served during the cruise to the island of Lošinj. If the weather is good, the captain will arrange a swim stop along the way before tying off in the harbor wellness town of Mali Lošinj. The port with its colourful facades and numerous cafes offers its visitors a welcoming atmosphere for a relaxed evening. **Cycling: Approximately 28 km**



Day 3: (Tuesday) Lošinj and Molat Islands

We cycle along a seaside path to the south of Lošinj, there we visit the small harbour of Veli Lošinj before we meet the ship for lunch. In the afternoon we cross over to the island of Molat where we have another short cycle tour, then stay overnight in the quiet harbor of Molat.

Cycling: Approximately 20km + 10km

Day 4: (Wednesday) Islands of Dugi Otok and Olib

During breakfast the ship leaves Molat and takes you past many small islands to the "spice island" of Dugi Otok. Your bike tour

starts in the bay of Božava which is surrounded by pine woods, agaves and tamarisk trees, and you ride on a road almost free of traffic. Your tour leads you at first to the northern most point of the island where the light house of Veli Rat stands proudly since 1849 fulfilling its duty in guiding sailors safely on their way. A ride along the islands "Road in the Sky" brings you to the peaceful harbor of Savar or Bribinj. There will be ample time for a swim break in the afternoon before continuing to the small island of Olib for the night.

Cycling: Approximately 32km



Day 5: (Thursday) Pag Island - Rab

Cruise until lunchtime, past many small islands to Pag Island. In the harsh but delightful landscape of the island come across many fig and olive trees. Over the centuries the inhabitants have built numerous stone walls for protection against the wind. Starting from Novalja, cycle on the narrow peninsular until you reach the sea, where the ship will take you to Rab. This fortified island capital was built in the Middle Ages on a wedge shaped headland and marks one of the highlights of the trip. Four imposing bell towers are a

symbol of the town. After dinner we can explore the narrow alleys and numerous cosy cafès.

Cycling: Approximately 34 km

Day 6: (Friday) Rab Island and Krk

Cycle along the coast to the east side of the island, an area with virtually no vegetation, which is rough and rocky which may remind you of a lunar landscape. The road leads to a bay with a sandy beach which is unusual in the Kvarner Islands. At lunchtime the ship will be waiting in the harbour at the old town of Rab. After a swimming break cruise to the neighboring island of Krk, where you will spend the evening in the historical town of the Krk.

Cycling: Approximately 25 km

Day 7: (Saturday) Krk Island

Cycle over the highest ridge on the island, which is covered with fragrant macchia shrubs, then on to a valley of vineyards and the museum town of Vrbnik, with its famous winding alleyway, the narrowest in the world. Continue on to Omišalj, past old villages and rich vegetation, with a swim stop enroute at Soline Bay. Spend the last evening aboard in Omišalj, with a final dinner and get together with the crew and guides.

Cycling: Approximately 45 km

Day 8: (Sunday) Tour ends in Omišalj

Disembark by 9.00 a.m.

(8.00 am: Collective group transfer to Zagreb Airport and Zagreb city can be reserved for €20 per person. This must be reserved at time of booking.)

Changes: We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary, depending on wind and weather conditions, or organizational requirements.

TERRAIN /GRADE – road cycling

You will require a reasonable level of fitness, which you have acquired by steady cycling. Cycling distances are 20 – 45 km per day, mostly on tar-sealed roads and hilly terrain with altitude 200 – 500m. There is little traffic outside the holiday periods of July and August. You can take a rest day for swimming and relaxing at any time.

TERRAIN /GRADE – mountain biking MTB Level 2

Mountainous stages of 32 – 55 km and 200 – 900m of elevation per day. The terrain is very diverse as the islands are different from one another, hilly to mountainous with some steep ascents. It requires good physical condition. Biking is on wide nature trails, small side roads, great promenades and narrow paths that cross the islands. The tour is primarily a group guided tour however there may be opportunities, in consultation with your guide, to cycle on your own. Trail Classification: loose surfaces, large stones and roots, steps and shallow stairs, gradients of up to 70%, light hairpins, permanent braking readiness, displacement of centre of mass to overcome obstacles, accurate braking, permanent body tension. We recommend riders bring arm and leg protectors for the MTB tours.

STANDARD SHIP “Linda” - all cabins have shower/toilet



Linda is a spacious wooden motor yacht. She was built in 1955 and renovated in 2005 to meet the requirements for your cruise. At 31 metres long and 6 metres wide, the Linda is among the largest ship in this Croatian fleet. The spacious saloon can accommodate 32 guests, and the middle sundeck is constructed in a way that meals can also be served outside. The upper deck is large with plenty of room for sunbathing. Three cosy cabins “below deck” are equipped with 2 single beds and two portholes each. Another cabin can accommodate three people in a double bed with an additional bunk bed above. On the upper deck there are ten double cabins. Four of these have double beds, and four twin cabins have 2 single beds. All cabins are air conditioned.



CLOTHING & LUGGAGE

Leave your evening dresses at home – bring casual holiday clothes, biking clothes and swimming costumes. There is not much store-room in the cabins so please bring soft bags

MEALS

The on board cook prepares a hearty breakfast and one or two hot meals a day. On 4 days there is full board (3 meals/day) and 3 days there is half board (2 meals/day).

GUIDES

The tour will be guided in English and German.

2020 SCHEDULE & PRICES PER PERSON IN EUROS BELOW DECK CABIN

03.05. – 10.05.20	€1050
10.05. – 17.05.20	€1050
17.05. – 24.05.20	€1050
24.05. – 31.05.20	€1050
31.05. – 07.06.20	€1050
07.06. – 14.06.20	€1050
14.06. – 21.06.20	€1050
21.06. – 28.06.20	€1050
28.06. – 05.07.20	€1050
05.07. – 12.07.20	€1050
12.07. – 19.07.20	€1050

19.07. – 26.07.20	€1050
26.07. – 02.08.20	€1050
02.08. – 09.08.20	€1050
09.08. – 16.08.20	€1050
16.08. – 23.08.20	€1050
23.08. – 30.08.20	€1050
30.08. – 06.09.20	€1150
06.09. – 13.09.20	€1150
13.09. – 20.09.20	€1150
20.09. – 27.09.20	€1150
27.09. – 04.10.20	€1150
04.10. – 11.10.20	€1050
11.10. – 18.10.20	€1050

Dates in blue = Hybrid bike and Mountain Bike cruise from the same boat. One tour guide will look after the hybrid bike group, while another guide will take the mountain bike tours.

2020 ADDITIONAL COSTS PER PERSON IN EUROS

Surcharge for Upper Deck Cabin: Double or Twin	€ 100
Single Supplement Cabin Lower Deck	€ 400
Single Supplement Cabin Upper Deck	€ 600

RENTAL BIKES

- Rental bike: 21-gear trekking bike with pannier: €80 for week
- E-Bike (electric assisted bike) with 8 gear hub-shifting and pannier: €180 for week – limited numbers
- Full suspension mountain bike – on application
- Full suspension electric mountain bike – on application
- Optional Bike insurance for theft/damage (deliberate damage is not insured), please let us know at time of booking €10/bike or €20 for E-bike/mountain bike

TRANSFERS

- Collective group transfer from Zagreb Airport on embarkation day at 12.15 pm and from Zagreb city centre at 11.30am can be reserved for **€30** per person. This must be reserved at time of booking.)
- Transfers on other days price on request
- Transfers to and from Rijeka Train Station can be reserved for **€20 per person each way** and Rijeka Airport to Omisalj can be reserved for **€15 per person each way** (on embarkation and disembarkation day only)

DISCOUNTS

- There is a 50% discount for the third person in a triple cabin (below deck only. These cabins are furnished with a double bed and a single bunk bed above.
- Children up to 16 years occupying their own cabin will receive a 25% discount (not combinable with 50% discount)

TOUR COST INCLUDES

- 7 night's accommodation in cabin with own shower/toilet
- 4 days full board on the ship (3 meals a day) & 3 days half board (2 meals/day)
- English-speaking tour guide

- Guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Overview-maps for the daily tours on board
- Bed linen & towels

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

- Visitor's tax and unlimited bottled water charge €40 per adult, or €20 per child up to age 16 to be paid on board
- Return Airport transfer with group from/to Zagreb Airport, or Zagreb city on Day 1 & Day 8 only – see details under "Transfers" above
- Transfers to and from boat from Rijeka train station
- Drinks on board (tally sheet, paid to the captain)
- Meals ashore
- Beach towels
- Car parking can be reserved for €50 for a car up to 6m in length and €100 for a car over 6m to be paid on site
- Bike rental
- Tips for crew and tour guides

HELMETS

Helmet use is mandatory on all bike rides. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own well-fitted helmet. Rental helmets are available on board in limited numbers (reservation essential).

CHILDREN

Minimum age 10 years. Only children in good physical condition with previous cycling experience will be able to manage the cycling on this tour. Please note that minimum height for rental bikes is 120 cm. Children under 16 years in their own cabin will receive a discount of 25%. Surcharge for single cabin use will be added.

GROUP SIZE

Minimum 14 participants Maximum 29 participants

OPTIONAL – PRE TOUR HOTEL & SIGHTSEEING (FROM ZAGREB AIRPORT)

2 Day/1 Night Zagreb package Pre-tour: (min. 2 passengers) Includes:

- Transfer from Zagreb Airport to Zagreb hotel
- Guided afternoon sightseeing tour in Zagreb (entrances not included)
- Accommodation 1 night in 3* or 4* hotel, breakfast included
- Dinner in a local restaurant
- 3 hour transfer to the boat in Omasalj

PRICE:

3-star hotel: Double Room €345 per person / single room €375

4-star Hotel: Double Room €400 per person / single room €465

OMASALJ - GETTING THERE

- 6 km from Rijeka Airport (take a taxi) and 30km from Rijeka Bus Station.
- Rijeka – Zagreb Airport and vice versa are very well connected with bus and train services. By bus – duration 3 hours, rate €12 – 15 per person. Buses depart every hour. For example there are buses operating at 6am, 7am, 7.45am, 8.30am etc.
- By train – duration 3 and half hours, approximate cost €12 per person.



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